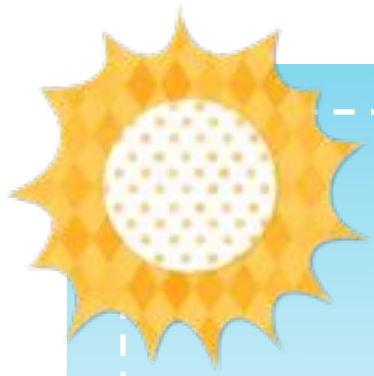






6.2 Stages in Family Life



- ✧ Most people will be part of two families in their lives
- ✧ The family of origin, which they are born into, and the family that they choose to form as adults
- ✧ The typical family life cycle is as follows



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Stages of Family Cycle



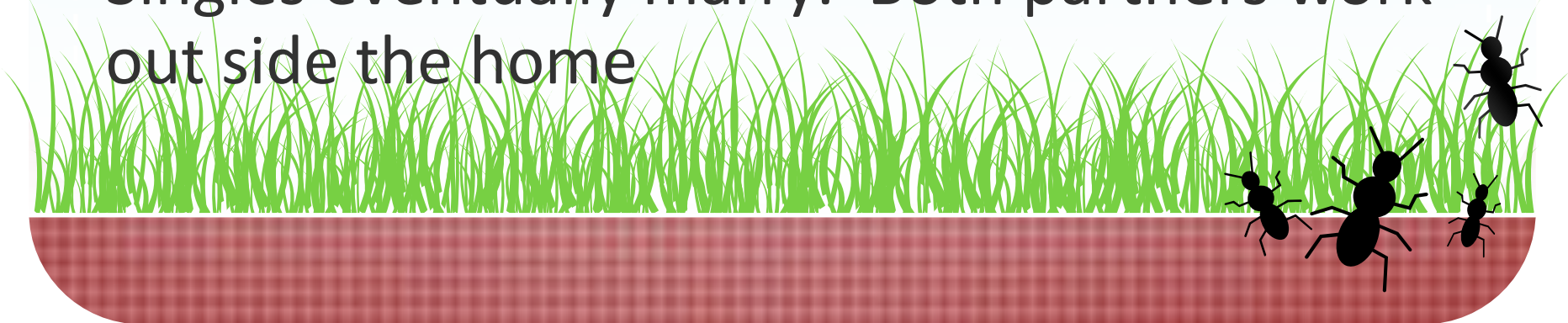
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Stage 1: Leaving Home: Single Young Adults

Single and young adults move out of the parental home

Stage 2: Newly Established Couples

Singles eventually marry. Both partners work out side the home



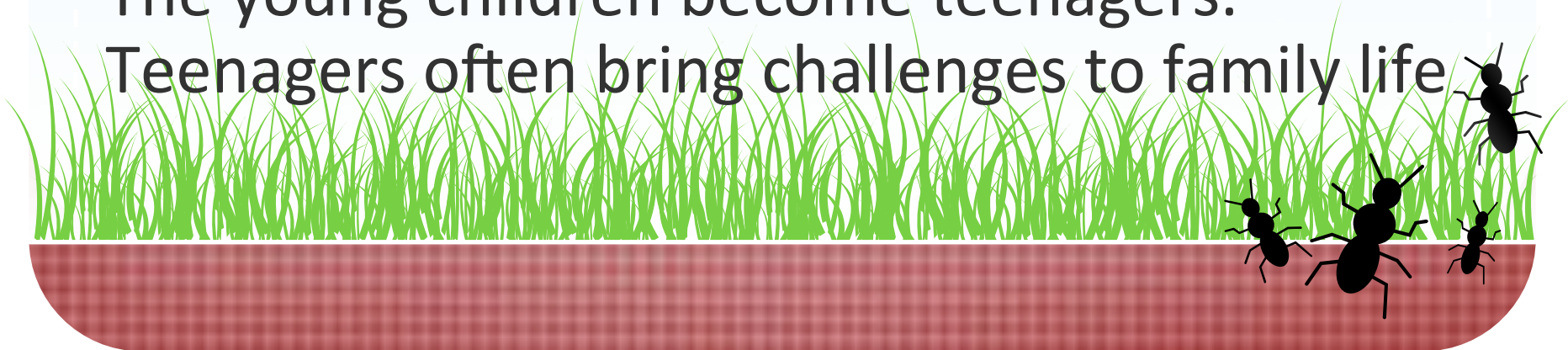
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Stage 3: Families with Young Children

The young couple starts a family, one parent may stay at home, but often both continue to work

Stage 4: Families with Teenagers

The young children become teenagers.
Teenagers often bring challenges to family life



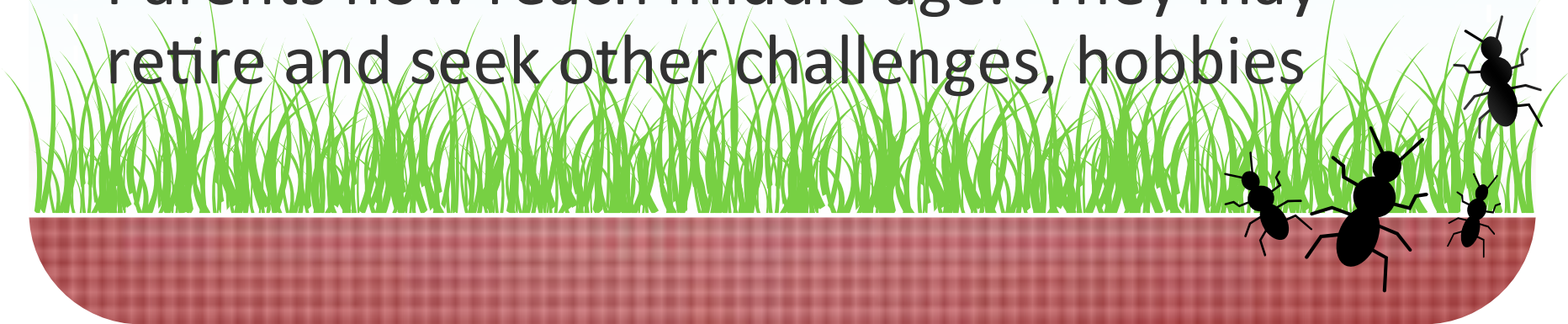
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Stage 5: Families Launching Young Adults

Teenagers grow into adults and move into their own homes or to school

Stage 6: Middle-Aged Parents

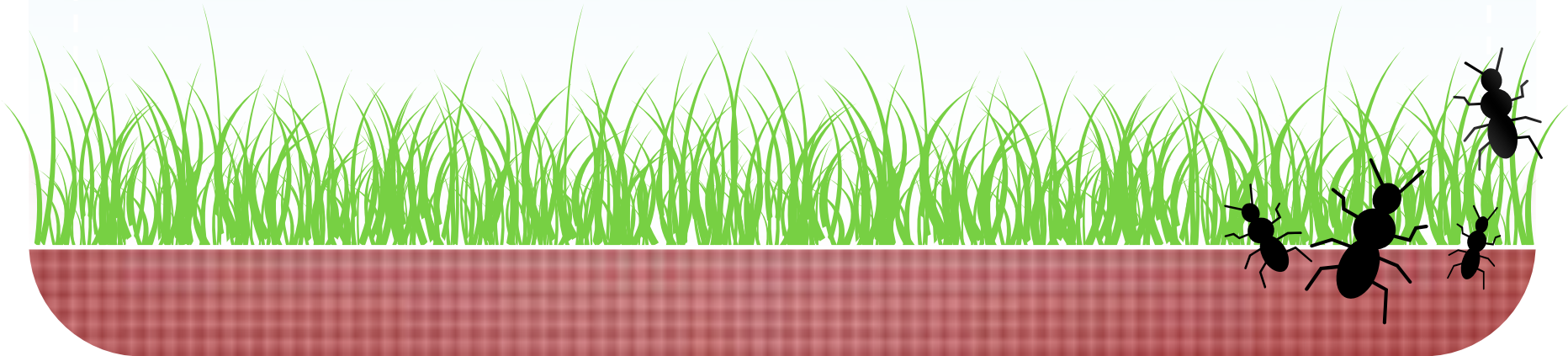
Parents now reach middle age. They may retire and seek other challenges, hobbies



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Stage 7: Families in Later Life

Retired couples may move into smaller homes, and spend their time with new pursuits (travel, or spending time with grandchildren)

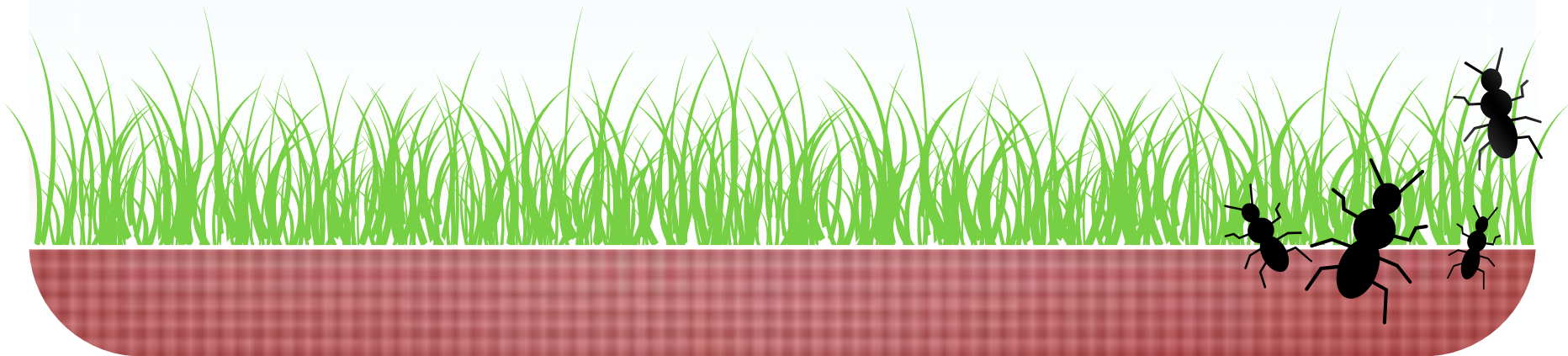


Types of Marriages



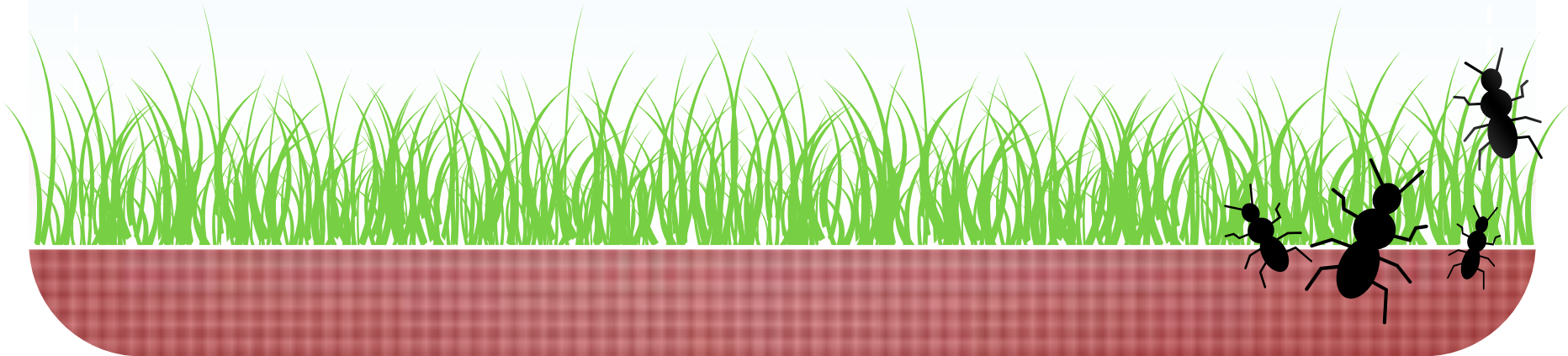
Types of Marriages

- Two of the most common ways of marriage begin with either an arranged or “free choice” marriage
- Not opposite ways of choosing a partner



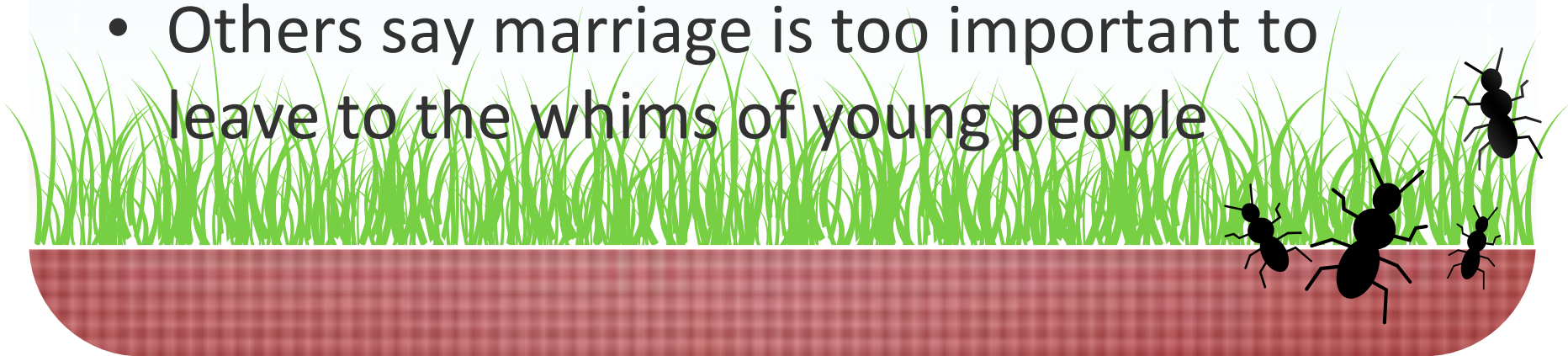
Arranged Marriages

- Considered a union between two families, not between two individuals
- Marriages often reflect religious, social or cultural concerns of the families



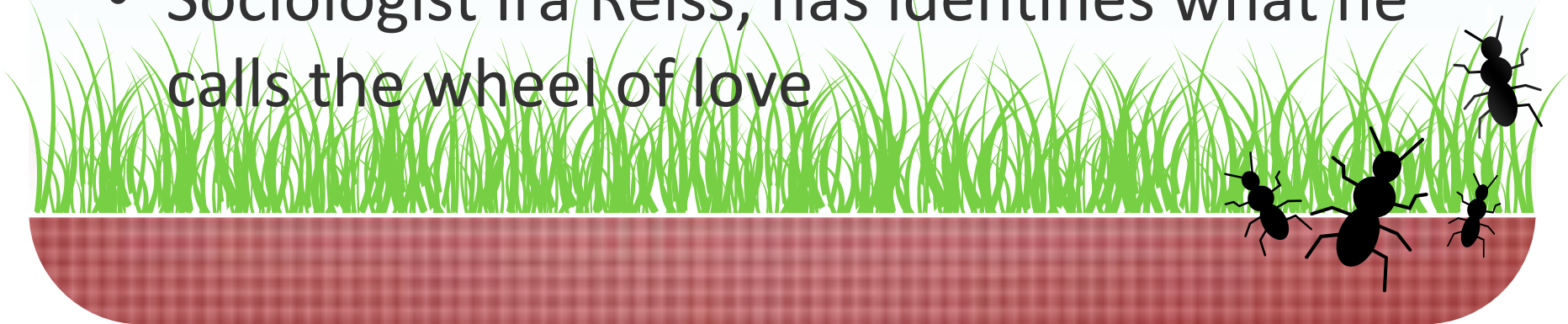
Arranged Marriages

- Supporters of arranged marriages say these marriages have a better chance of success and that the partners learn to love each other over time
- Others say marriage is too important to leave to the whims of young people



Free Choice Marriages

- Often based on romantic love with the belief that personal and emotional compatibility, and love are more important than family concerns
- Sociologist Ira Reiss, has identified what he calls the wheel of love



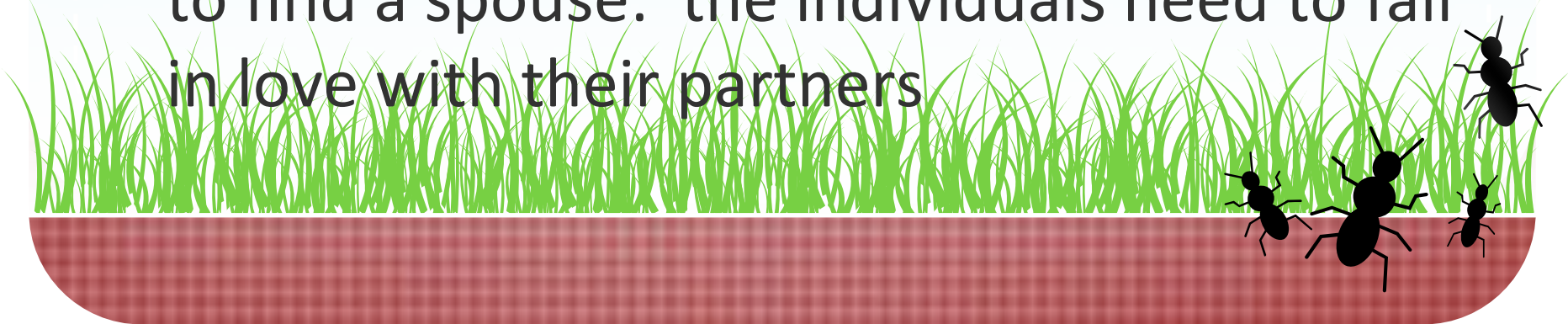
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The Wheel of Love



Free Choice Marriages

- Marriage partners tend to live in the same geographical area and come from similar social groups.
- Many people argue that this is the best way to find a spouse: the individuals need to fall in love with their partners



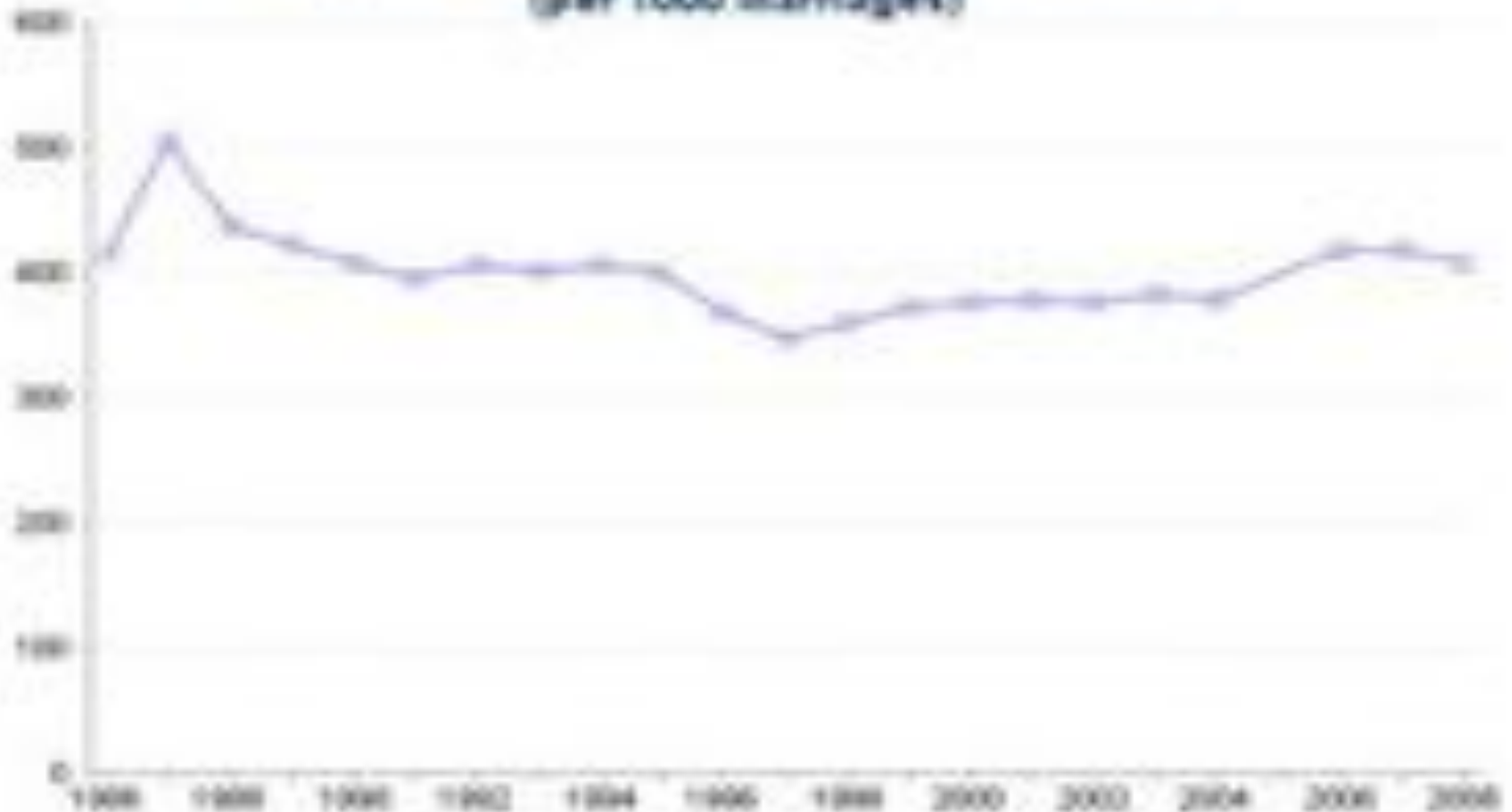
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- Others argue that young people are fooled by fleeting romantic feelings, that romantic love is not a good basis for the many experiences and stresses of life
- Also high divorce rates


















Free Choice Marriages

30 year total divorce rate, Canada, 1995-2008
(per 1000 marriages)



Arranged Marriage Divorce Rates

Rank	Country	Percent
1	 India	1.1
2	 Sri Lanka	1.5
3	 Japan	1.9
4	 Republic of Macedonia	5.0
5	 Bosnia and Herzegovina	5.0
6	 Turkey	6.0
7	 Armenia	6.0
8	 Georgia	6.8
9	 Italy	10.0
10	 Azerbaijan	10.3
11	 Albania	10.9
12	 Israel	14.8
13	 Spain	15.2
14	 Croatia	15.5
15	 Greece	15.7

Egypt 17%

Canada 48%

US 53%

Portugal 68%

